

Amendments to the specification and claims are presented herein by presenting replacement paragraphs for the specification, along with a complete set of pending claims, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the specification and claims is attached hereto.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, and ending at page 4, line 18, and replace with the following:

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According to another aspect of the present invention, a facsimile apparatus provided with a confidential reception function comprises: a memory which stores received confidential image data; an output means which outputs the stored confidential image data in response to input of a password by an operator; a determination means which determines whether or not the confidential image data has been output by the output means within a predetermined time after its reception; a notification data transmission means which transmits notification data indicating that confidential image data has not been output, in the event that the determination means has determined that output of the confidential image data has not been performed; a detection means which detects proper completion of transmission of the notification data; and a deletion means which deletes the confidential image data from the memory in response to detection by the detection means.

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19, and ending at page 5, line 8, and replace with the following:

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According to another aspect of the present invention, a managing method for a confidential received image in a facsimile apparatus provided with a confidential reception function comprises the steps of: receiving confidential image data and storing the image data in a memory; monitoring whether the stored confidential image data has been output within a predetermined time after the reception; transmitting notification data indicating that output has not occurred, in the event that output has not occurred within the predetermined time; detecting proper completion of transmission of the notification data; and deleting the confidential image data from the memory in response to the detection.

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, and ending at page 5, line 20, and replace with the following:

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Thus, when confidential received image data is not retrieved from memory even when a fixed interval has passed, data providing notification that said image data has not been retrieved is transmitted to the (original) sender, and said image data is deleted from a memory upon completion of proper transmission of this notification data. Because image data deletion is carried out when transmission of notification data to the sender is complete, even if confidential image data is deleted by the receiver, the sender is aware that the confidential image data was not received, and appropriate measures can be taken.

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9, and ending at page 11, line 7, and replace with the following:

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Memory 10 includes transmission data area E1, reception data area E2, and control data area E3. Transmission data area E1 stores

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multiple sets of confidential transmitted transmission image data DS in a manner corresponding to transmission partner passwords PSS which specify a transmission partner. Reception data area E2 provides multiple mailboxes 101 which store received data, and in each mailbox 101 is stored mailbox name MN, and password PSD which specifies the mailbox and provides access permission. Confidential received image data DR addressed to a said mailbox 101 is stored in a manner corresponding to its time of receipt TR and its transmitter telephone number TE. Control data area E3 stores control data which notifies a sender that confidential received image data has not been retrieved when such an instance occurs. In other words, control data area E3 stores dial iteration data N which designates a maximum number of redials to be performed until the sender receives said notification, and fixed interval data T which indicates the elapsed time from the arrival of the image data and serves as a basis for assessing whether or not to notify the sender that said image data has not been retrieved.

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 19, and ending at page 20, line 24, and replace with the following:

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Part of the notification data also includes confidential received image data DR that was not retrieved, which allows the sender to ascertain reliably what said image data is in specific terms, and which also allows the sender to retransmit the image data or to take other appropriate action quickly.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous version of the claims with the following clean version, wherein claims 1-7, 9, and 11-15 incorporate new amendments thereto.